

## Message Text

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R 231435Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8533  
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
AMCONSUL DURBAN  
AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SF PINT PINS SHUM  
SUBJ: STEVE BIKO DETAINED AGAIN

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED TODAY BY A FAMILY MEMBER THAT STEVE BIKO, A FOUNDER OF SASO AND BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT LEADER, WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 19. A CHECK WITH BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES OFFICES IN KING WILLIAMS TOWN REVEALED THAT PETER JONES, BRANCH EXECUTIVE OF BCP, AND BIKO HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN GRAHAMSTOWN AND TAKEN TO PORT ELIZABETH WHERE THEY ARE BEING HELD. CHARGES ARE NOT KNOWN BUT SOURCES ASSUME THAT IT IS IN CONNECTION WITH BREAKING BANNING ORDERS. JONES, WHO IS NOT BANNED, PROBABLY HAS BEEN TAKEN AS A "STATE WITNESS" ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS AT LEAST THIRD TIME IN PAST SIX MONTHS THAT BIKO HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND HELD IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN OF SAG HARASSMENT OF BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ACTIVISTS.

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